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In re Patent Application of: Angeliki O. Triantafyllou

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For: PREPARATION OF WORT AND BEER OF HIGH NUTRITIONAL VALUE, AND CORRESPONDING PRODUCTS

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## **AMENDMENT**

Box Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2001 (Paper No. 28), please amend the above-identified U.S. Patent application as follows:

## In the Claims

1. (Amended) A process for the production of a cereal wort or beer having a high content of soluble  $\beta$ -glucan of more than 0.2 wt % from a cereal or mixture of cereals in which the  $\beta$ -glucanase activity of any ingredient employed in the process will not decrease soluble  $\beta$ -glucan by more than 20 wt% compared to the yield from the corresponding source of non-germinated cereal or mixture of cereals, the process comprising the steps of:

treating at least one cereal by heating to reduce  $\beta$ -glucanase activity in the treated cereal;

forming an aqueous cereal slurry containing from 10% to 30% by weight of the treated cereal, the cereal being wet or dry milled; and

